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TITLE: TO INVESTIGATE THE POTENTIAL OF USING BEETLE ODOURS
TO DETER SLUGS IN VINING PEAS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is a preliminary amendment accompanying a new patent application being filed simultaneously herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the claims with the attached amended claims.

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to reduce the number of independent claims, and to correct minor informalities. No new matter has been added.

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Respectfully submitted,



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